(b) to (d) Certain representations regarding revision of the rate of interest have been received which require examination taking into account various consideration like the prevailing interest rate structure, maturity period, tax benefits and the security of Government backing enjoyed by the scheme?

Appeals disposed off by appellate tribunal for Forfeited property

4226. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appeals for disposal by Appellate Tribunal for Forfeited Property during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92 and how many of them were actually disposed off; and

(b) what measures are proposed to be taken by Government for the speedy disposal of the remaining appeals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The number of appeals for disposal (excluding those stayed by High Courts and Supreme Court), and actually disposed of during the two years is given below:

	1990-91	1991-92
Number of appeals for disposal	69	59
Number appeals disposed of	44	41

(b) No further measures are proposed, as the appea ls are disposed of expeditiously.

Bad debts and loans written off by Banks

4227. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the bad debts and loans written off by various public sector banks during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the amount involved has been met by each bank, and if not the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to minimise such expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) In accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks as also in terms of the practices and usages customary amongst bankers, the banks do not disclose the quantum of bad and doubtful debts for which provision has been made to the satisfication of their statutory auditors as also the amount of had debts written off.

(c) Reserve Bank of India have issued detailed guidelines to the banks laying down the factors to be kept in view before writing off bad debts.

Increase in study allowance of M.Ps.

4228. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the study allowance (in Foreign Exchange) of Members of Parliament; and

(b) if so, what are the details and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

National Development Council's recommendation to ban the financial benefits to employees

4229. SHRI ANANTRAY DAVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Development Councils has recommended a ban on Government and other employees' TA-DA, LTC, pay, higher grade scale and other financial benefits in their recent meeting held in September, 1992;